(ix) Stricter punishment for violation of motor Vehicles Rules;

(x) Use of fog lights to be mandated in bad weather;

(xi) Fixing a minimum experience of at least 3 to 4 years of driving a motor vehicle as well as an upper age-limit may be prescribed for issue of driving licenses for heavy vehicles;

(xii) Strict punishment for drunken driving;

(xiii) Problem of overloading;

(xiv) Use of interceptors to check traffic, violations;

(xv) Computerization of driving licenses/RC/books/maintenance of proper and updated data base;

(xvi) Fitting of speed governors;

(xvii) Extension of central scheme for giving ambulances;

(xviii) Increase in budget for road safety; etc.

Naini Bridge in Allahabad

2476. SHRIAMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROADTRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naini Bridge over Yamuna river at Allahabad with approach road of N.H.-27 in U.R has not been completed as yet and as a result thereof the extimated cost of the project has increased terribly;

(b) if so, the original estimated cost and likely cost of its completion; and

(c) by when, the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c)The work on Naini Bridge over river yamuna with approaches on National Highway-27 was started in October, 2000 and is

targeted for completion by February, 2004. The work is in progress and the project is likely to be completed within its sanctioned cost of Rs.294.70 crores.

Four Laning of Road from Sikandra to Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh

2477. SHRIAMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROADTRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on four laning of road from Sikandra to Varanasi in the UP. is not progressing as per the schedule and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the progress made so far on this project; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) There are five contract packages in this section. Main reasons for delay are attributed to slow process of tree cutting, shifting of utilities, land acquisition, quarry problems and slow mobilization by the contractors. The section is targeted to be substantially completed by December, 2003.

Construction of Golden Quadrilateral Project under BOT

2478. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR.T.SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have written to the State Governments for upgrading the roads?

(b) if so, whether his Ministry would entertain anyone interested in constructing stretches of the Golden Quadrilateral connecting the four metros or the North-South and East-West corridors under the Build Operate Transfer scheme;